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COLLEGE

2024

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INAUGURAL
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING

COMMENCEMENT &
PINNING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

3:00 PM
.....

Commencement & Pinning



HISTORY OF THE NURSING PIN

The nursing pin is a symbol of service to others and identifies the graduate as an individual who has successfully completed a course of study in nursing as well as identifies the school from which he or she has graduated. The nursing pin symbolizes compassion for patients and for the suffering in this world and stands for the best in nursing.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAVARRO COLLEGE SEAL



The Navarro College seal is the official symbol of the institution. It is round to represent the perpetual search for “Wisdom,” “Truth,” and “Knowledge,” the three Greek words inscribed on the seal. In the center of the seal stand the “Doors of Opportunity” which welcomes all students who seek to join the tradition of excellence. Since it was chartered in 1946, the doors have been the hallmark of Navarro College.

HISTORY OF NAVARRO COLLEGE

Navarro College was founded in 1946 by a group of local citizens committed to furthering the educational opportunities of the local community. The first students began classes in September, 1946, on the site of the former Air Activities of Texas Flight School located six miles south of Corsicana.

In 1951, the campus was moved to its present location, which currently includes 117 acres, 13 academic buildings, and 24 student housing units.

In an attempt to address the growing needs of its service area, which consists of Navarro, Ellis, Freestone, Limestone, and Leon counties, the College began offering courses in various locations within those areas and eventually established three additional locations, Navarro College - Mexia, located in Limestone County, Navarro College - Waxahachie, and Navarro College - Midlothian, both located in Ellis County.

Navarro College has had eight presidents: Mr. Ray Waller, the founding president served until his death in 1956; Dr. Ben W. Jones served from 1956 until 1973; Dr. Kenneth P. Walker served from 1974 until 1988; Dr. Gerald E. Burson served from 1989 until his retirement in January 1998; Dr. Richard Sanchez served from 1998 until his first retirement in 2013 and returned again from 2016 - 2018; Dr. Barbara Kavalier served from 2013 until 2016; and Dr. Kevin G. Fegan is the current District President and began his service in September 2018.

PROGRAM

Processional	Pomp and Circumstance The National Anthem
Invocation	Bradley Curtis <i>BSN Graduate</i>
Welcome	Jeanetta Johnson, Ed.D. <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
Introductions.....	Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D. <i>District President</i>
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Mr. Phil Judson <i>Board Chairman</i>
Remarks on BSN Approval	Carol Hanes, Ed.D. <i>2016 – 2022 Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
Pinning of Graduates	Julie Arteaga, Ed.D. <i>BSN Program Director</i>
Presentation of Academic Award.....	Lindsey Barak, Ed.D. <i>Professor of BSN</i>
The Nurse’s Pledge	Catherine Van Zandt <i>Professor of BSN</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Graduates	Jeanetta Johnson, Ed.D. <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
Significance of Hoods	Guy E. Featherston <i>Executive Dean of Health Professions and Navarro College - Waxahachie</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Graduation.....	Carol Hanes, Ed.D. <i>2016 – 2022 Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Degrees.....	Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D. <i>District President</i>
Navarro College Alma Mater	Sina Ruiz <i>Vice President of Student Success</i>
Closing Remarks.....	Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D. <i>District President</i>
Recessional.....	Pomp and Circumstance

NAVARRO COLLEGE
BACHELOR of SCIENCE IN NURSING
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Guy E. Featherston, *Executive Dean of Health Professions
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Patti Binger, *Coordinator of Operations for Health Professions/Advisor*

Lindsey Barak, Ed.D., MSN, RN, *Professor of BSN*

Catherine Van Zandt, MSN, RN, CNE, *Professor of BSN*

CLASS OF 2024

Samantha Baggerly

Sarah Bailey

Sara Brasuell

Sol Cabuto

Cristina Cervantes

Bradley Curtis

Nicole Douglas

Katelynn Dunlap

Kaycie Francis

Lacey Herrin

Lisa Huski

Stacy Jackson

Tamera Kennedy

Grayson McCreary

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS OF THE ACADEMIC REGALIA WORN BY THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION OF NAVARRO COLLEGE

The color of the velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree, and the color of the lining indicates the college colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The hood for the Master of Arts displays a white velvet edging; the Master of Science, a gold edging; the Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, a scarlet fringe; the Doctor of Laws, purple; the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Psychology, blue; the Doctor of Literature, white; and the Doctor of Education and Specialist in Education, light blue.

The Nurse's Pledge

Adapted from Marion G. Harwell, RN

I solemnly pledge myself before God, and in the presence of this assembly, to faithfully practice my profession of nursing.

I will do all in my power to maintain the highest nursing standards and practices.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, families, and community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and to take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of my community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are in need wherever they may be.

ALMA MATER

Hail Navarro, Hail Navarro

Loyal sons are we.

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,

Hail, all hail to thee.

Lift your voices, sing her praises,

Cheer for victory;

Honor to thee, proud Navarro.

Glory now to thee.



FIGHT SONG

Fight on you Bulldogs, fight till you win,
fight on to victory. We'll back the red and white
and our men with loyalty.

Let's give a cheer and make echoes ring,
let's yell, yell with all our might.

The vic'try is sealed; our team never yields,
Bulldogs fight, fight, fight.

B-U-L-L-D-O-G-S! GO BULLDOGS!

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D.

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